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Mr. Thomas V. Jones, President
Los Angeles World Affairs Council
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 230
Los Angeles, California 90017

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you very much for your very kind invitation to address the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. I fully recognize the importance of an opportunity to address such a significant group of our most responsible citizens. At this time, however, with my confirmation just behind me, I would prefer to let some time pass so that I may fully learn my new responsibilities and then be in a position to speak from a better base of knowledge and familiarity.

I have every intention in the future of accepting invitations such as yours and would only like to beg your indulgence for a period prior to making definite arrangements. If it is satisfactory to you, perhaps I can get in touch with you sometime during the winter or spring to see whether some schedule might be mutually convenient during 1974.

Thank you again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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